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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

<b>Application No.:</b>	10/542,370	<b>Examiner:</b>	Wilson, Lee D.
<b>Filing Date:</b>	July 14, 2005	<b>Art Unit:</b>	3723
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<b>Attorney No.:</b>	YONE3017/JJC/PMB	<b>Confirm. No.:</b>	2709
<b>For:</b>	<b>SPRING-LOCK TYPE CLAMPING APPARATUS</b>		

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**OF JUNE 23, 2006**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is responsive to the Office Action dated June 23, 2006 in the above application wherein claims 1-4 are rejected.

In view of the following remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.